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Susan West
Mayor

THE CITY COUNCIL AND I ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE our appointment of Mark Hoppen as our new City Manager. Mark

has over 23 years of municipal management

experience with nearly 15 years as the City Administrator (CEO) for the City of Gig Harbor. He has a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Washington, a Doctor of Education Degree from Seattle University and his Bachelors from the University of Washington.

His expected start date with the City is May 1st. We believe that as you meet Mark, you will feel as we do that he is a great fit for Normandy Park!

About his selection as City Manager, Mark said: "With the Community's passion for the environment, parks, open space and civic infrastructure, I'm excited at

the opportunity to protect the special character of this City".

I don't want this opportunity to pass without thanking our Interim City Manager, Bob Jean, for his service to Normandy Park since January. Bob drew from all of his 40 years of city management experience in working towards our goals and work plans, major capital improvements projects, hiring our new Finance Director and Parks Planner, and sorting through the details and options of keeping our 2015–2016 budget balanced.

Bob really takes Normandy Park to heart and we hope he comes back this summer to some of our community events. And have a great time back in semi-retirement!

Thanks also to the City Council and staff for all the extra meetings and work to stay on track with our major 2015–2016 goals:

1) STABILIZE CITY FINANCES

- Proposed 2015–2016 Budget Amendments
- Parks and City Capital Improvement Projects—Parks Master Plan and Normandy Road Projects
- Transportation Benefit District funding options for streets
- Utility taxes for all other General Government—Police, seniors, community events, etc
- All for only \$8–15 more per household per month

2) EXCELLENT CITIZEN SERVICES

- Cleared 6–18 month permit backlogs
- Streamlined development code processes
- City Facility Needs Task Force

3) ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Hired first Parks Planner and M.P.D. Work Plan
- Normandy Road Low-Impact Design

4) SUSTAIN COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY

- Community Policing
- Volunteer Emergency Management Coordinator
- 1st Avenue South 35 MPH speed limit

5) MAKE NORMANDY PARK A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

- Competitive market-based pay and benefits
- Police Guild and Teamsters contracts

6) RAISE NORMANDY PARK'S REGIONAL PRESENCE

- State and King County Committees
- South Sound Cities
- Partnerships with Burien and Des Moines

7) PROVIDE 2-WAY COMMUNICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Comprehensive Plan survey
- Council and Commission Public Meetings
- City Scene quarterly magazine
- City Council and Commission meetings streaming video
- Social media and website

So thanks to all our Normandy Park Residents for helping us make the Park, THE PARK!

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC GOALS



2015–2016

1. Stabilize City finances with sustainable economic development.
2. Provide excellent customer/citizen service through efficient, open accessible and transparent government.
3. Enhance environmental sustainability and overall community quality of life.
4. Enhance & sustain community public safety, with safe neighborhoods and streets.
5. Make the City of Normandy Park a great place to work.
6. Raise the City's regional presence, profile & influence.
7. Provide two-way communications with community, citizens and staff.



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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Council Study Session (if necessary)

4th Tuesday, 7pm

Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon

Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

60 YEARS AS A CITY



Shawn McEvoy
Council Member

Normandy Park was first settled in 1853 by William H. Brown. Over time, many people recognized what a beautiful and special place this is. In 1953, the community's residents incorporated the City of Normandy Park. The city has since provided municipal services and protected this "distinctive community" for over 60 years, so why have the last 10-12 years been so challenging financially?

THE RULES CHANGED IN 1999 & 2001

As a predominately low-density residential community, Normandy Park has very limited commercially zoned property and therefore very low retail sales tax revenue, compared with other sales tax rich cities. Up until 1999, low sales tax collections cities received some help from the State with Sales Tax Equalization payments, funded from the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET or "Car Tabs"). But in 1999, voters passed I-695 and the MVET funds were eliminated. Cities like Normandy Park lost 25%-33% of their General Fund! If that weren't enough, in 2001 voters approved I-747 and limited Property Tax increases from 6% to 1%! We are not alone. Apparently, 60% of cities in Washington are suffering the same dilemma. Low sales tax revenue cities, like Normandy

We live in a pretty special place. It's safe, it's clean, and it's green. Is the extra money worth it? You bet it is. The City Council and staff are looking for creative ways to increase our revenues, but there are no quick easy solutions.

Park, are now more like School Districts and Fire Districts and need to go to the voters for replacement Levy Lid Lifts every 4-6 years or so.

CITY VOTERS APPROVE 2012 PROPERTY TAX LEVY LID LIFT AND PARKS MPD FUNDING

After years of cutting services and raising fees and charges, and after 5 years of even lower revenues during the "Great Recession," the City had used up its reserves by 2012 and was then looking at major cuts now to Police and Parks.

In 2012, voters approved a Property Tax Levy Lid Lift which effectively

funded Police services, and approved the creation of a City Metropolitan Park District (MPD) which protected Parks and Recreation services. That Levy Lid Lift has done its job, but now without some further service level/staffing adjustments and new Streets Maintenance funding in 2015-2016, by the end of 2016 the City's General Fund would run almost a \$400,000 DEFICIT (which the City cannot allow).

PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The Proposed 2015-2016 Budget Amendments are intended to keep the budget in balance and positive through 2016. While Park Services are secure with the dedicated MPD funding, Streets Maintenance would drop to a third of needed maintenance levels without the Proposed Transportation Benefit District funds, and current Police service levels would again be at risk without a renewed Levy Lid Lift not later than 2016.

While Council deliberations and a continued Budget Public Hearing were still underway as of the City Scene print deadline, EVEN IF ALL OF THE PROPOSED NEW REVENUES ARE ADOPTED, THE INCREASED COST PER AVERAGE HOMEOWNER WOULD ONLY BE ABOUT \$8.00 PER MONTH.

SO, WHAT MAKES THE PARK, THE PARK?

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COUNCIL CORNER CONTINUED

So, what makes The Park, THE PARK? YOU DO!

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PROPOSED 2015–2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Current City Property Tax at \$1.44* \$ 576/year
Storm Water Fee \$ 192/year
Parks M.P.D. at \$0.52 \$ 208/year

CURRENT 2015 City Cost per Household \$ 976/year
+ Proposed T.B.D. License Fee (2 cars @ \$20) .. \$ 40/year
+ Proposed Water/Sewer 6% Utility Tax \$ 54/year

PROPOSED 2015 City cost per Household \$1,070/year

\$ 1,070 Proposed

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Peter Philips
Publisher

AN EARLY SPRING HAS NORMANDY PARK IN FULL BLOOM already as I write this issue's Publisher's Letter. Economic and cultural life in the Park is also in full bloom.

The city's parks are being scrubbed and beautified by the Parks Commission—and an army of resident volunteers. As you'll read in the following pages, our Arts Commission is hard at work developing programming for the summer, and our concert series is being planned as well.

Spring blooms will be followed by the flowering of our summer concerts, the Fourth of July parade and a host of outdoor public events, barbecues, baseball and soccer games and long afternoons enjoying our wonderful northwest summers.

Spring brings a new administrative era to the City of Normandy Park as well, and Mayor Susan West will introduce our new city manager Mark Hoppen elsewhere in this issue.

In this space I'd like to thank our interim city manager, Bob Jean for his five months leading the city as we transition between two permanent city managers. His decades of experience with city administration showed in his quiet, responsible and effective leadership of the community.

Bob graciously came out of retirement to help us through our transition, and he leaves the city well balanced administratively, and well positioned for future success.

Outside city hall, the city of Normandy Park continues to blossom, too.

Normandy Park Town Center is filling up with new retail businesses, and current businesses are establishing themselves within the community. Normandy Park Market is under new management and growing stronger every day.

At the north end of the city the Manhattan Village UPS store has seen a renaissance under new owner Gloriana Morine and the Manhattan Village QFC continues to be one of the chain's best producers.

Our streets are clean and free of potholes, city landscape crews are keeping our public spaces well maintained, and our police department continues to keep us safe.

The city is on good footing for a healthy and dynamic future.

The same can be said for City Scene magazine. You are holding our 10th issue, and the magazine continues to provide residents with the only credible source of accurate, timely and comprehensive news and information about the city in which we live. An independent city survey found that 87% of residents report that City Scene magazine is their sole or primary source of information about the city. We

take that responsibility very seriously, as does the city staff that produces the editorial content, under the able guidance of City Clerk Debbie Burke, who serves as City Scene editor.

As Normandy Park Town Center continues to fill with new retail tenants serving our community, we see the fruits of our efforts to promote economic vitality in the pages of the magazine, too. More advertisers in each issue represent more revenue used to offset costs of production. And those advertisers reports greater sales and more foot traffic that they attribute directly to their advertising presence in City Scene.

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City Scene truly is a win-win-win. It's a 'win' for the city that now has access to a valuable communication tool for ensuring that the community is kept abreast of the work of the city, cultural events and community events. It's a 'win' for the retail community that now has an effective and affordable advertising vehicle for reaching their local customers. And, most importantly, Normandy Park City Scene magazine is a 'win' for the residents, as it provides us with a community-building magazine that serves to keep us informed and current with this wonderful little community that we call home!

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Conversation with Choices

Kathleen Waters,
Council Finance Committee Chairperson

THE REALITY OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY where we live is that we are revenue poor and scenically rich. We're a small city that is limited in its revenue because of a paucity of retail space. The Finance Committee has grappled with this situation in the past few weeks. Now, we'd

tax through a statewide citizen initiative, sales tax equalization that limits our tax income to 1% and cuts to the general fund have significantly contributed to our current situation. We all are used to a safe and scenic environment. We seek to maintain safety and with the relatively new MPD and a highly qualified Parks Planner, the parks and city property will be greatly improved going forward.

It is our shared interest to determine what cuts can be made that

will allow us to drive on smooth roads, maintain bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, provide ample street lighting, and see our low crime rate stay that way. We know that in addition to the costs of living in Normandy Park we also share the many price increases that living anywhere entails: school and city bonds and levies, cost of living increases such as food, insurance, home and auto maintenance costs and other tax increases that maintain fire districts, special services such as 911, county and sundry

levies and bonds.

So, here's a question: "What level of service do we as individual taxpayers and residents of Normandy Park want and how do we pay for these services?"

The Finance Committee and City Council want to hear your answers.

On a continuum of answers from A to Z we have identified: reductions in service, cuts and additional sources of revenue. In doing so, we've also looked at the long-term financial stability of the city. That exercise raised a longer question:

"Should we take a short term position to cut the least controversial and perhaps least understood services OR should we include all budget items in a short term solution (budget wide cuts) and revenues that would extend the solution beyond the current '15-'16 biennium?"

There will be ample opportunities to work together in the next couple of months to talk about our discovery in February. We shall focus on a need to underpin the budget with new revenue sources and fewer expenses. Please be part of the continuing discussion to help find solutions that we who live here can continue to live here!

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like to expand our conversation to include everyone in Normandy Park who has an interest in discussing the current and ongoing financial predicament.

To start the conversation, let's look at how we got to this point in our finance management and distribution. Normandy Park relies on its income primarily from residential taxes. We share the same challenge of many other cities that have a very small footprint for commercial tax revenue. This limitation and in recent years, the loss of motor vehicle excise

K4C Partnership

Council Member Stacia Jenkins,
Council Environmental Issues Committee

With a unanimous vote by the City Council, the City of Normandy Park joined the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) on April 14th to acknowledge the need to work with King County and its cities to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of local government climate and sustainability action.

Across King County and its cities, we are already experiencing the impacts of climate change: warming temperatures, acidifying marine waters, rising sea levels, decreasing mountain snowpack, and less water in streams during the summer. The City of Normandy Park recognizes that to avoid the worst impacts of global warming, we need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions sharply. In July, 2014 elected officials from across King County adopted a shared target to reduce countywide sources of greenhouse gas emissions by 25% of 2007 base levels by 2020, 50% by 2030, and 80% by 2050. Joining the K4C helps Normandy Park adopt consistent strategies and policies to support these efforts.

By partnering through the K4C, the City will work with the County and other cities on:

- **Outreach** – to develop, refine, and utilize messaging and tools for climate change outreach to engage decision makers, other cities, and the general public,
- **Coordination** – to adopt consistent standards, benchmarks, strategies, and overall goals related to responding to climate change,
- **Solutions** – to share local success stories, challenges, data and products that support and enhance climate mitigation efforts by all partners,
- **Funding and resources** – to secure grant funding and other shared resource opportunities to support climate-related projects and programs.

Normandy Park follows Bellevue, Burien, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila, and all King County cities are encouraged to join. The collaboration will support and enhance Normandy Park projects and programs in focus areas such as green building, using and producing renewable energy, sustainability outreach and education, and improving access to and use of alternative transportation. City staff and Councilmembers are excited to begin working with our new K4C partners on climate change action, and will keep our residents updated on how they can support these efforts.



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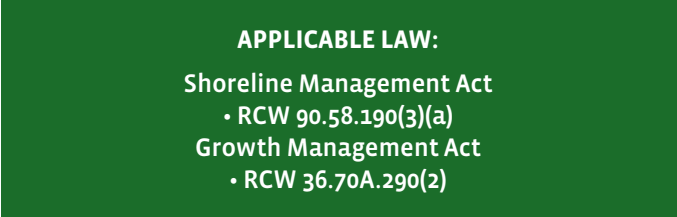
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Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Amendment Update

UNDER THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT ACT (SMA), NORMANDY PARK MUST PREPARE AND ADOPT A SMP that is based on state laws and rules but is tailored to the specific geographic, economic and environmental needs of the community. The Normandy Park SMP is essentially shoreline-specific combined goals, policies, regulations and development permit system. Normandy Park's shoreline technical advisory committee, Planning Commission and City Council has been working on the SMP preparation since the summer of 2009.

The Normandy Park Shoreline Master Program (SMP) was submitted to the Washington State Department of Ecology for review and comment this May. Ecology will prepare notice and open a 30-day comment period for the proposed SMP amendment.

Within 15 days after the close of the comment period, Ecology will send Normandy Park the oral and written comments received during the state's review and comment period.

Within 30 days after receiving Normandy Park's response to comments, Ecology must make written findings and conclusions on the SMP amendment's consistency with the SMA and SMP Guidelines and also respond to the issues identified during the review and comment period.

Promptly after approving or denying the SMP or amendment, Ecology shall publish a notice consistent with the Growth Management Act pursuant to (RCW 36.70A.290) stating its decision.

The department's final decision to approve or reject the proposed master program by Normandy Park, planning under the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.040) shall be appealed to the growth management hearings board by filing a petition within 60 days after publication of Ecology's notice (RCW 90.58.190(2)).

Ecology's goal is to resolve any issues and develop SMP language that is mutually acceptable to both the state and Normandy Park. If Ecology requires changes to a proposed SMP amendment, Ecology staff will work closely with Normandy Park staff to develop language consistent with the SMA and SMP Guidelines so the city can complete the approval process.

If you have any questions about the SMP or the approval process contact Senior Planner Chad Tibbitts at (206) 248-8249.



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Normandy Road Project

NORMANDY PARK'S SIGNATURE ENTRANCE, Normandy Road is getting a green facelift. From 1st Avenue South to Nist Park, the road will be transformed with safety improvements, green infrastructure, sidewalks, street trees, lighting, and other amenities.

Construction is expected either early summer through mid-fall or possibly next spring (depending on grant funding) for the road improvement project funded by grants from the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB), stormwater funds, and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds. City staff and its lead consultant Gray & Osborne have been working diligently on this project since 2014 when the City Council recommended approval of this project.

Specifics of the project include installing curb and gutter and sidewalks on the south side from the most east entrance to the John Knox Church to the east side of 4th Avenue SW. On the north side, improvements will be made just west of the Manhattan Village/QFC to the end of Nist Park. Some existing trees and vegetation will be removed, but only in the street right-of-way, and new street trees will be added to continue Normandy Park's focus on a green landscape. Further, more than 260 feet of rain gardens, which are state of the art facilities to clean stormwater, will be constructed.

Most of the new sidewalks are designed with pervious pavement allowing water to infiltrate into the soil. The only sidewalk section without pervious pavement is the section adjacent to the park, which is next to a steep slope area and could not be safely engineered with pervious pavement.

New crosswalks are proposed across Normandy Road at 3rd Place SW and just west of 4th Avenue SW. Street lights are proposed on both sides of the street, creating safer walking and driving conditions.

The City held a community open house on Thursday, April 9th with 20 people attending.

Some project specifics include that



SW NORMANDY ROAD
Near the Normandy Duke Apartments



SW NORMANDY ROAD
Manhattan Village Subarea Plan

the work will be done during an 8-hour work day between the hours of 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (with perhaps an occasional 6 a.m. start). There will be continuous access to driveways. There should be no interruption in garbage or mail service though. Construction will require some lane closures, but it will all be sequenced to minimize disruption as much as possible.

There will be no parking on Normandy Road for the duration of the project.

For further information, contact Amanda León of the Community Development Department at 206-248-8257 or visit the Normandy Road Project at the city's website, www.normandyparkwa.gov.



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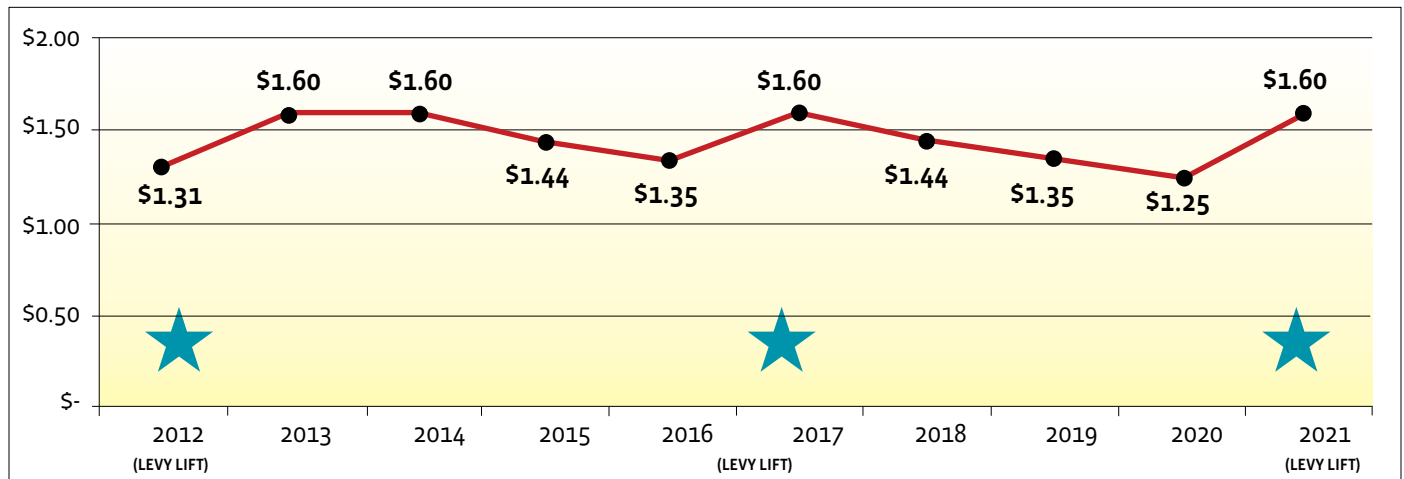
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2015–2016 Budget Amendment OK'D

The City's Budget is holding through 2015, but without further spending cuts and some new revenues, would have gone into a deficit by the end of 2016. Why? Simply put, it's **JUST TIME** again for the renewal of the Levy Lid Lift.

In 2012 voters approved a Levy Lid Lift taking the City's Property Tax Rate up from \$1.35 to \$1.60. That extra \$300,000 was needed to **MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF POLICE SERVICES**.

Some voters thought the Levy Lid Lift to \$1.60 was permanent. It doesn't work that way. Cities like Normandy Park with low sales tax revenues are more like Fire and School Districts—every 4–6 years a renewal of the operation Levy Lid Lift is needed. It's **JUST TIME**. If voters approve a renewal Levy Lid Lift for 2016, the Police services can stay at current levels. If not then Police will be cut back to core...legal minimums like the rest of the City departments.



Comp Plan Update Needs You!

You're invited to join the Planning Commission in its update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The quality of life and the special nature of Normandy Park's environment and neighborhoods are important to Normandy Park residents.

The Comprehensive Plan is the leading policy to the development and protection of our City's environment.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending The Public Open House hosted by the Planning Commission, Thursday, **June 18th** in the Council Chambers at City Hall before their regular meeting—from 5pm to 7pm. Other Planning Commission meetings will be held on **May 21st** and **July 16th** in the same location.

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1st Avenue Speed Limit

The State of Washington conducted a speed and safety review of the SR509/1st Avenue South speed limit and recommended lowering the part of 1st Avenue South still at 45 MPH to 35 MPH.

The City Council agreed. 35 MPH is safer for cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. “It only takes one minute more to drive safely at 35 MPH from Des Moines to Burien, instead of the old 45 MPH.”

By the end of summer, all of 1st Avenue South will be at 35 MPH.

Police will be issuing warnings to give drivers time to adjust.

Bob Jean,
Interim City Manager





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Please Tell Us!

The Mount Rainier Pool will turn 40 years old this coming September!

It is home to the Mount Rainier High School Rams and Lady Rams swim teams.

It is where Women's 200 IM world-record-holder Ariana Kukors trained.

For the local residents it's where we take swim lessons, go to water exercise, lap swim and play in the water all year around.

In the last four decades we have gone from typewriters to tablets; 8-tracks to digital music libraries. What would you like to see change at Mount Rainier Pool?



Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District has partnered with Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services in developing a Master Plan to help determine needs and future development.

There is a single survey that asks for your input regarding the city's parks, recreation and senior services and the pool district's aquatics operation.

You can find the survey online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/JK8S8VV

or, fill it out at: Mount Rainier Pool; Des Moines Activity Center; Des Moines Field House; or Normandy Park City Hall

Contact info@desmoinespool.org for any questions on the survey.

Thank you for your time.

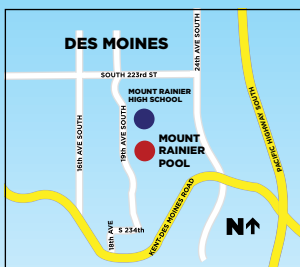
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5:30 - 7:15 am	Available for rentals	Lap Swim	King Aquatic Club	Lap Swim	King Aquatic Club	Lap Swim	King Aquatic Club 7 - 10 am
7:15 - 8 am		Cleaning		Cleaning		Cleaning	
8 - 9 am		Shallow Water Exercise/Lap Swim	Shallow Water Exercise/Lap Swim	Shallow Water Exercise/Lap Swim	Shallow Water Exercise/Lap Swim	Shallow Water Exercise/Lap Swim	Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club 10 - Noon
9 - 11 am		Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	
11 am - Noon		Swim Lessons Lap/Family swims	Swim Lessons Lap/Family swims	Swim Lessons Lap/Family swims	Swim Lessons Lap/Family swims	Swim Lessons Lap/Family swims	
Noon - 1 pm		Senior/Family Lap swims	Senior/Family Lap swims	Senior/Family Lap swims	Senior/Family Lap swims	Senior/Family Lap swims	Swim Lessons Lap Swim
1 - 2 pm		Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim	Public Swim
2 - 3:30 pm		Special Events	Special Events	Special Events	Special Events	Special Events	*1 Open Swim (First Saturday only) 2 - 3 pm Available for rental 2 - 11 pm*
4 - 5:30 pm		Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club	Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club	Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club	Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club	Swim Lessons King Aquatic Club	
5:30 - 7 pm		Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Family Swim 6 - 7 pm	
7 - 8 pm		Public Swim	Water Exercise	Public Swim	Water Exercise	Public Swim	*3 - 11 pm First Saturdays
8 - 9 pm		Lap Swim/Exercise	Public Swim	Lap Swim/Exercise	Public Swim	Lap Swim	

What makes THE PARK...THE PARK?

THE PARKS! Normandy Park has more acres of parks and open space than most cities. Until voters approved the City's Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) in 2012, parks maintenance was limited and there was hardly any money for park improvements. Now, with dedicated MPD funds for parks, our parks maintenance has increased and parks improvements have begun.

In January, we hired Amanda Leon as our first Parks Planner. Amanda has a Masters in Architecture, a Bachelors in Urban Planning, is a certified horticulturist, and she loves Normandy Park!

Working with the Parks and Recreation Commission and Parks Chair Jay Osborne, we have begun: For 2015–2016, the Parks Work Plan includes:

- Nist Park Memorial
- City Hall Outdoor Restrooms ADA
- Marvista Park Improvements
- Plant Replacements
- Open Space Acquisition
- Recreation Center Improvements

For further information, contact Amanda Leon, Parks Planner/MPD Manager at 206-248-8257 or email amandal@ci.normandy-park.wa.us.



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MARVISTA PARK
19900 SW 4th Av.

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NATURE TRAILS PARK
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SW 8th Av.

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NIST PARK
242 SW Normandy Rd.

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CITY HALL PARK
801 SW 174th St.

6
WILSON PARK
171st St./SW 2nd Av.

7
WALKER CREEK PRESERVE
168th St./ SW 2nd Av.

8
BRITTANY PARK
Normandy Terrace
Brittany

9
RECREATION CENTER
801 SW 174th St.

10
OPEN SPACE
Sylvester Rd
SW 168th St.





SMALL COMMUNITY – BIG CELEBRATION

4th of July at Normandy Park

JOIN THE NORMANDY PARK ARTS COMMISSION at the Cove's 4th of July Parade and Bash! Prizes are awarded to decorated bikes and this year we will be hosting a dunk tank - so bring some cash and take your best shot at dunking a police officer, Mayor West, a teacher, or coach! The Parade starts at Marvista Elementary on Saturday, July 4th at 10 am with the kick off fun run, followed by bikes, bikes, bikes! Decorated bikes, wagons, strollers, and carts will all be eligible for prizes at the Arts Commission's specially designated 'bike lot' next to the tennis courts. Look for the signs and see you there!

Annual Bike Decorating Contest

Normandy Park may not be the largest community in Washington State, but that hasn't prevented us from putting on a HUGE 4th of July Community Celebration for the past 25 years. In fact, during the 1950's the first Normandy Park parade to celebrate the opening of the Cove building included horses! July 4, 2015 will be no exception as over 2000 Normandy Park residents, families and friends came out to celebrate America's Independence Day.



JULY 4th Community Celebration!

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July 4th Don't miss this fun Normandy Park tradition. Festivities Begin at 11am

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Wonderful World of Woods and Water— A History of Normandy Park

A Story of Native Americans, Pioneers, Farmers, Bootleggers, Loggers, The Great Depression, Developers, World Wars, and spirited citizens that lead to the beautiful community we all enjoy today.

PART 2 OF A 3-PART SERIES

by Andy Batcho, November, 2014

DEVELOPMENT (LATE 1800'S TO 1940'S)

In the 1880's the Schwabacher family began buying property from homesteaders and early pioneers in the Normandy Park area. The three brothers, Abraham, Louis and Sigmund formed Schwabacher Brothers Company with their central offices in San Francisco. Bailey Gatzert came to Seattle as the manager of the Schwabacher Company and made his permanent home there. Bailey was married to Babette Schwabacher, sister of the three brothers. Another family company was formed, the Gatzert-Schwabacher Land Company.

By 1890, the Company had bought 1,700 acres of land in what is now the Normandy Park area. No one quite knew why, but speculation was that the Schwabacher family was

hoping a new Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company rail line would go through Des Moines, putting a premium on the land around it. There was also talk of Des Moines becoming the capital of Washington state, due to its convenient location between Seattle and Tacoma.

But not much development happened—in the 1920's, during Prohibition, the local population was still sparse enough that bootleggers would land on Normandy Park's beach and haul their illicit hooch up a rutted dirt track that would one day become Eighth Avenue South.

Alas, neither the railroad or Des Moines capital came to pass and from the 1890s on, the Schwabachers leased the land to farmers. Little growth or development took place, aside from the area receiving electricity in 1915 and the construction of a few roads. By

1926, the Schwabachers were ready to sell and Alvon Alvenslaben and Russell Phinney purchased the entire tract under their newly formed Seattle-Tacoma Land Company. Now development of the Normandy Park townsite began in earnest.

In the mid-1920's, the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company was organized for the purpose of developing 1,200 acres of land on the shores of Puget Sound. *The Seattle Times* announced the formation of Normandy Park in a 1928 story that pointed out the area's "unusual opportunities for the development of a residential suburb of high character". The story rather breathlessly cites the shore-to-mountain vistas, and is quick to promote the planned amenities, including an 18-hole golf course and yacht clubhouse—all in the French Norman style of country estates, of course, which lent Normandy Park its name. Advertisements for Normandy Park sales from the period also reiterate the reputation that Normandy Park founders desired: high class, suburban, and protected. Profit sharing in the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company was also offered to entice prospective Normandy Park buyers.

Sales brochures were printed that highlighted the major aspects of living on the shores of Puget Sound surrounded by stately firs and cedars in close proximity to Seattle. Normandy Park was advertised as "the south shore suburb destined to popularity away from the noise and commercialism of the city." Seattle was entering "the stage of greater suburban development" with improvements to the south outlets of the city. The sales brochure further states, "people will seek the suburbs and Normandy Park will become exceedingly popular as the months roll by." A quote from Arthur Brisbane, a well known newspaper editor, makes a convincing argument why one should live in Normandy Park, "You can get in the country everything you can get in the city plus fresh air, sunlight, flowers, health, longer life, greater happiness."

Appeal for a community like Normandy Park seemed to be strong. The *Seattle Times* followed sales of the lots quite closely, and reported when an investor from Chicago was interested in backing the development. The development sped along in the late 1920s, as \$42,000 worth of road and landscaping improvements took place. Ads promoting Normandy Park and boasting of amenities under construction continued to fill *The Seattle Times*. The formal opening of Normandy Park



draw huge crowds, and within a few months seven home sites were sold with the promoters promising “great value” for the “shrewd investor.”

A gushy brochure from those days still survives in the Cove archives. The copy provided the first half of the title for the historical society’s book: *Wonderful World of Woods and Water—A History of Normandy Park*.

By 1929, the entire area had been platted. Good gravel roads were built and a water system installed that was fed from deep wells in the area. An elegant clubhouse was built at the mouth of Miller Creek, on what is now known as “Lot A,” and promotional efforts such as free refreshments and band concerts were offered there to promote Normandy Park. Building started with a distinctive brick house on Lot 1, Block 20, built by C. S. Hughett. This house was considered to be the first built according to the plans of the developers. The house is located at 17999 Normandy Terrace SW. A few other houses in the French Normandy style were built soon after.

Unfortunately, the year was 1929—not a historically propitious year for economic growth. As the Great Depression took hold in late 1929, Normandy Park sales withered. Instead of animated descriptions detailing the wonders of the new development, the little community made the news when *The Seattle Times* ran stories about the once-wealthy president of the Northern Radio & Telegraph Company committing suicide after fearing the loss of his Normandy Park home, which was not an uncommon occurrence in the country given the devastating effects of the Great Depression.

The Seattle-Tacoma Land Company folded in 1934, and several of the homes built in Normandy Park were not the country-estate behemoths once anticipated. They were now being marketed as “budget homes,” appealing to the more reasonable Depression-era customer. Normandy Park resident Bernice Redington (1891–1966)—who went by the byline Prudence Penny as the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* home economics writer—even promoted “Prudence Penny Budget Homes” to entice interested buyers to Normandy Park open houses.

The depression brought a halt to all development activities of Normandy Park and the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company “abandoned” the project. The clubhouse, at the mouth of Miller Creek was sold to the late Ben Tipp, a

Seattle jeweler, in 1934, and much of the property passed into private hands.

The tide began to turn in 1939. The Normandy Park Company was formed and began auctioning off lots and selling acreage. New development began slowly taking place and by 1940 a community club was established to “enforce building restrictions in the area, foster new improvements and provide a social program for the community.” Members of the club held meetings at their homes. But the activity slowed once again as the United States entered World War II.

To promote land sales the original plat of 1929 provided ~1800 Normandy Park properties within certain boundaries of the 1700 acre tract were designated to have an equal and undivided rights to the 18 acre beach front plat known as Lot A, The “Cove.” A pledge drive was organized by 640 Lot A “Founder” families each contributing \$100 to build the present Cove building which was completed in 1959. These families are recognized with a plaque located in the Cove building.

Homes gradually sprouted in the area through the 1930s and ‘40s, before a boom in the ‘50s that coincided with the growth of

nearby Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after 1947, growth of the Boeing Company and construction of a new school and incorporation of the city in 1953.

Residents of the southern end of Normandy Park were known as “cliff dwellers” and “beach people.” Most cliff dwellers lived on the top of the bluff and were permanent residents, while the beach people built summer homes on the beach at the base of the cliff and came from cities around the area to enjoy their homes from June thru Labor Day. The beach people have survived many landslides over the years which have destroyed some of the homes.

Some notable architects who designed homes in Normandy Park included Ralph Anderson, Paul Kirk, Paul Thiry, Elizabeth Ayer, Bissell & Sasanff, J. Skoog, Ralph Burkhard, A. O. Bumgardner, Art Leonard and Robert Theriault. There was also a Frank Lloyd Wright designed house built in 1954 on Edgecliff Drive. In 1963, and the Seattle Art Museum chose Normandy Park for its 14th Annual Exhibit of Architecture Home Tour.

Growing Up in Normandy Park: 1954 onward



by
Margie Miller

THE TREES! The year was 1954...I was only 4 years old but I distinctly recall the impact of seeing and smelling those giant conifers for the first time when we arrived from southern California. Mom and dad found a wooded lot for sale in the heart of Normandy Park and the excitement of going there each day while the house was being built was overwhelming. My brothers and I would run through the brush and under the trees in our Davy Crockett coon skin caps and Hop-A-Long Cassidy sweatshirts.

It didn't take long after we moved in to find other neighborhood children to play with. Af-

ter all, this was post World War II, the baby boom generation was in full swing. My brothers and I had friends within a short walk of our house and we played hard. In fact, we played into the evening and had to be called home with a whistle. Summertime activities included playing "Capture the Flag" and a game we must have made up that we called "Wax and Waves." I think the Waves were the girls and so it was girls against boys in a war-like kind of way. We used bracken ferns for spears and spent most of the time running through the woods. One girl received a bracken fern spear to her leg and I remember my dad carrying her home

to her parents. He was my hero (although he was a pilot of the B-24 Liberator during WW II, he rarely talked about it). Other outdoor activities included playing in a large swamp and collecting fairy shrimp and tadpoles. This swamp was located near the intersection of 200th and Marine View Drive. On summer days, we rounded up the neighbor kids and played baseball in Nestegard's field of tall grass which was inhabited by a large bull.



ABOVE:
Gail & Terry -
3rd grade

LEFT:
Barb Sleeper -
riding Dandy

An even more daring activity was tree climbing. The woods are still standing (between 202nd and 208th) where we would climb as high as we could in the tall fir trees. My brother, Greg, and his friend, Dick Benedict, built platforms in the trees complete with little wooden shelves and books. Until recently, I could still look up and see those platforms. Dick's sister, Diane and I would sometimes play and pretend we were pioneers. Our Red Flyer wagon was our covered wagon and our dolls the pioneers. We would bury "trea-

sure,” too. One year, dad built wooden stilts, a pair for each of us. We walked all over the neighborhood in them and were the envy of the other kids. A few years later, my aunt Betty sent me a pair of “Rocket Shoes,” big metal shoes that fitted over regular shoes with springs on them so you could bounce, instead of walk. I don’t know of anybody else who had a pair, but I later saw them in the movie “Back to the Future.”

As we grew older, we wandered and played further from home within Normandy Park. During those years, the “horse farm” (now Normandy Province) became my second home. This expanse of pastures was the exclusive domain and a hub of activity for girls from age ten through sixteen. Between the pastures was “the lane” that connected to a large corral and on the opposite end was a gate that led to a barn. In the rafters of the barn was the remains of an airplane that apparently had crashed at that site in the 1940s. I also recall in those rafters a small collection of Barb Sleeper’s pet rats and mice. Although I didn’t have a horse during those years, I will never forget the first time Pam Johnson (Silvermoon) lifted me onto the back of her horse. To this day, I can still recall the names of all the horses owned by each girl. What I do not recall is ever seeing a parent or any adult on the farm. This is what I mean by exclusive domain. The girls were entirely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their charges. What haunts me still is the condition of the water trough at the top of the lane—it was filthy!

Adjoining the horse farm was Albright’s humus lake, Arrow Lake. It is now surrounded by beautiful homes but in those days, it was pasture. In the winter, we built a bonfire and ice skated on the lake (no parents there, either)! Other winter activities in those days involved the usual—stamp collections, marbles, Lennon sister paper dolls and playing with pick up sticks. An activity my brothers and their friends enjoyed when they were young was building with Lincoln logs and playing army. As they grew, they tinkered with chemistry sets and short wave radio sets. My older brother, Greg, was interested in photography and he learned how to develop his pictures in trays of chemicals down in a dark area of the basement.

In later years, an ice skating rink was built in Burien and we would often skate there. We did have a black and white television but

viewing was restricted to evenings only, one hour at a time. If I was home from school sick, I got to watch all I wanted...Wunda Wunda and Queen For A Day were my favorites.

The bookmobile was a big part of my life. It would come once a week to the intersection of 208th and 1st Avenue. I would pedal my balloon-tired Schwinn to meet it and come back with my basket loaded with animal stories, especially stories of horses. Because of my love of animals, I paid particular attention to the wildlife of Normandy Park. There were lots of mountain beaver in the woods behind our house and those beautiful chartreuse tree frogs were everywhere. On the playground at Marvista, I would often see Kildeer birds. They built their nests on the ground and would feign a broken wing to keep predators away from their eggs. In the early years, deer roamed throughout Normandy Park.

Although I started my formal education at Des Moines Elementary school, I switched to Marvista in the first grade soon after it was built. I received a very good education there and I have good memories. In those days, I believe all the children walked to school. I

don’t recall buses but there must have been. I do know that parents did not drive their children to school. I don’t think it ever entered our minds that walking alone could be unsafe. On nice days, I would walk home for lunch.

Each day at Marvista began with the flag salute. We often sang patriotic songs such as America the Beautiful, it’s a Grand Old Flag, etc. I remember how scared I was when it was my turn to bring the flag down at the end of the school day. I was terrified I would somehow fumble and the flag would touch the ground!

Another activity outside my immediate neighborhood was hiking down to Murphy’s beach (a short distance north of Normandy Park Beach). Getting to this beach involved walking down a series of switchbacks and crossing a creek. I don’t recall ever seeing adults here, either. One level area next to the creek was rumored to be the former home site of Mrs. Murphy. When I was older, a friend and I built a raft and took it across to Vashon Island from this beach (no parental knowl-

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AUG 29	Clutter to Cash
SEPT 12	Kids Day, Field Day 5K
OCT 31	Chili Cook Off





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Rocky Retiring

THE NORMANDY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT K9 UNIT began back in January of 1999 with the “hiring” of K9 Skyler. When Skyler was nearing retirement age, Officer Gianni Morella pitched an idea to Chief Rick Kieffer of having a tracking/trailing K9 unit. Due to the large amount of retirement homes in the area, and the fact that most police K9’s in Washington State would not track a misdemeanor suspect, Officer Morella wanted to seek out a Bloodhound Trailing dog. A bloodhound could be used for lost children and adults and also used in tracking misdemeanor and felony suspects. Officer Morella looked into what it would take to create a Bloodhound program. He discovered an organization out of Florida called 832 Deputy Dogs. This group provides Bloodhounds to Law Enforcement organizations around the World for no cost.

When it came down to completing the training, Officer Morella and then Sergeant Gaddis, flew to Homosassa, FL to begin the training. The first three days was a conference sponsored by 832 Deputy Dog’s and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Officer Morella was given some basic training on how Bloodhounds track and their capabilities. This is also

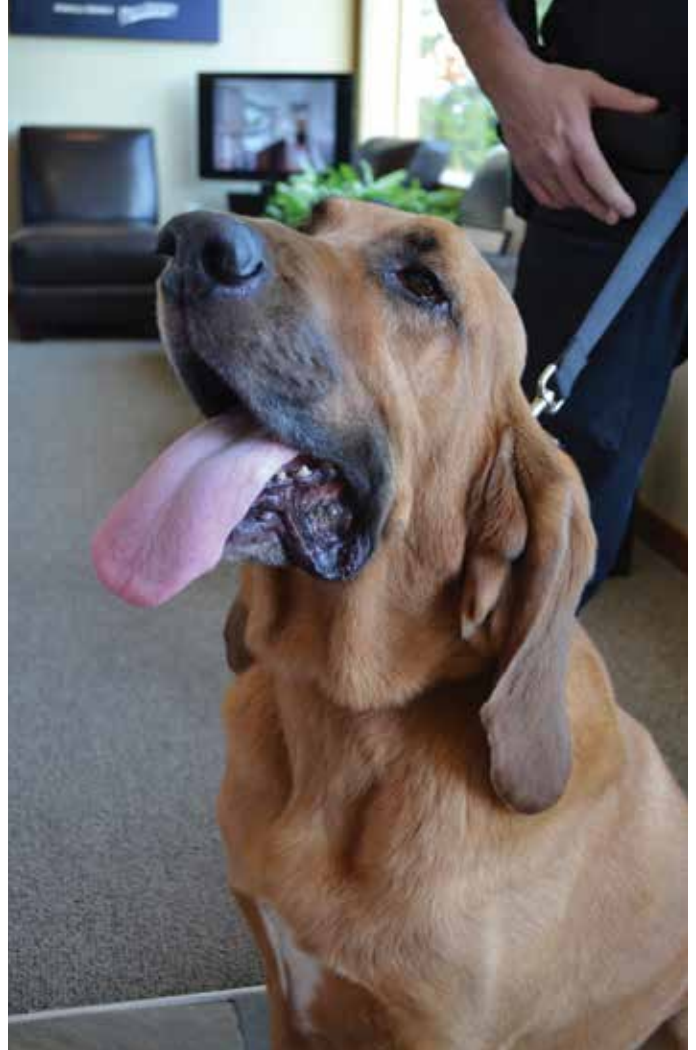
Rocky’s last day on patrol will be **May 29th**. There will be a retirement ceremony at the Council Meeting on **June 9th**.

when they met the group out of South Carolina who would be completing their training.

After the Florida conference, it was a full days drive to Cheraw, SC where they would begin the training. Officer Morella and Rocky spent the next ten days together running through the swamps and backwoods of South Carolina, avoiding plenty of snakes and gators. Once the training was completed they boarded a plane back to Seattle. Rocky was a big hit in the cabin of the airplane. An almost 100 lb. dog commands a lot of attention inside such a cramped space.

Upon arrival back in Seattle, they discovered there were a lot of changes that had to be made to the Bloodhound program. The biggest obstacle was getting Rocky used to having a majority of his tracks over concrete instead of dirt and sand.

Over his career, there are two tracks that stand out as Rocky’s best work. The first track occurred in Normandy Park. Officer Morella and then Sergeant Gaddis received a report of a possible prowler on the beach in the 300 block of So. 218th. The homeowner reported they were concerned that a person was trying to break into their home. Once officers arrived on scene they determined the suspect had fled northbound along the beach, towards Marine View Park. Since the suspect had trespassed they had enough probable cause for an arrest, Officer Morella grabbed Rocky from his patrol car and he started a track. This track led them up to the 20800 block along the beach.



At this point, Rocky temporarily lost the track and there were no more footprints they could find in the sand. Officer Morella pushed Rocky over into the brush on the hillside. Rocky picked up the track again and started to frantically climb the steep hillside. As Rocky got about halfway up the hill, he made a hard left turn. If you can picture it, any hard turns on a hillside will typically send you off the cliff. If Rocky would not have been on leash, he would have jumped over the same log as the suspect, and become stuck on the hillside just like the suspect. Peering over the fallen tree, they could see the suspect clinging to the hillside, about fifteen feet down. His arm had been injured in the fall. Officers had to use Rocky’s 30’ leash to pull the suspect to safety. He was arrested and booked into jail. Without Rocky’s help, this suspect would not have been found.

The second track, which he is most famous for, was locating the missing 7 year old girl in Puyallup. Officer Morella was called

Normandy Park was listed as the 18th “**Safest City in Washington**” in a valuepen-guin.com article, which was based on 2013 crime statistics reported to the FBI. The closest surrounding City to Normandy Park came in with a crime score three times that of ours.

out by Puyallup PD, because Community Service Officer Bond's son, who is a Puyallup Police Officer, located the girls shoe near a wooded area behind her apartment complex. PPD Officer Bond knew of our program and convinced his supervisor to give Officer Morella a call. When Officer Morella arrived on scene, he started Rocky on a track where the shoe was recovered. Officer Morella would later comment on how hard Rocky worked that track. He wasn't sure if Rocky was just happy because there were only woods to search through and maybe it felt more like South Carolina, or if Rocky could feel the importance of the situation. Rocky literally drug Officer Morella through the brush, giving him multiple bumps and scratches. It was all worth it when Rocky found the young girl who had been assaulted, molested and left for dead. Officer Morella and K9 Rocky were awarded a Normandy Park Life Saving Medal, the Puyallup Police Department Chief's Award and the American Kennel Club Service Award for their work in this case.

Certainly, Rocky's accomplishments over almost eight years of service are not limited to just two events. Rocky has assisted almost every agency in King County. He has helped out on multiple Homicide and Suspicious Death investigations. He has been called out for Robberies and Assaults. He has also assisted on many suicidal subject calls throughout King County. The team assisted the Washington State Patrol in locating a Hit & Run DUI suspect on the

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PAPA JOHN'S CASE SOLVED

If you haven't heard, the male and female suspects responsible for our Papa John's robbery in 2014 have been arrested. In early January, detectives with the King County Major Crimes Unit arrested the couple who are responsible for at least 12 armed robberies in the Highline area.

The suspects were booked into the King County Jail for Investigation of Robbery 1st Degree.

Our case will be combined with the 11 other cases. Stay tuned for more information once the trial is completed.

Partnerships

The Normandy Park Police Department has several partnerships which help it run more smoothly and efficiently. Just a few examples are as follows:

- **CSPA** – The Coalition of Small Police Agencies is a group of eleven different cities, representing fourteen jurisdictions in King County. The largest City is Issaquah and the smallest City is Clyde Hill. This coalition shares resources and training with the entire group. There is a Major Crimes Task Force and a Special Operations Team. The CSPA Major Crimes Team was called out on our Homicide in 2014 and both teams were used during a barricaded hostage situation in 2012.
- **SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP** – This is a group of the Seatac, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and Burien emergency managers. We meet about every three months to discuss any issues in our regional and local response to man-made and natural disasters. We discuss resource sharing and ways we can improve our response to emergencies.
- **DES MOINES MUNICIPAL COURT** – A few years back we switched to the Des Moines Municipal Court, when Southwest District Court was getting out of the contracting business. At the time, our officers, usually CSO Bond, would have to handle all prisoner transports for court appearances. As you can guess, this was a major expense in staff time and wear and tear on our vehicles. Now that we are with Des Moines Court, they handle all prisoner transports for court as part of their whole court fee. This is a substantial saving in cost and officer time. They are also very aware of our financial issues and do everything they can to keep our jail and court costs to a minimum.
- **FIFE** – Even though we do not use the City of Fife for Law Enforcement Dispatch services anymore, we still are an end-user on their Records Management System (RMS). Using their RMS system saves the City a substantial amount of money. To give you an example, the most inexpensive Police RMS begin at around \$30–50,000 with usually a \$5–8,000 annual service fee. The Police Department is only responsible for paying for the T-1 line which connects our City to Fife's system.
- **PORT OF SEATTLE** – In July of 2014, the Police Department entered into an Inter-Local Agreement with the Port of Seattle for Law Enforcement Dispatch. This has been a tremendous partnership, allowing our officers to have a safer working environment. We are also able to provide a better service to the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park. The cost of the Port of Seattle's service was substantially lower than all other dispatch providers in King County. An unintended benefit to this new relationship is the Port's willingness to respond for mutual aid. In the past, our Officers would call on King County or Des Moines if they needed backup. Since the Port of Seattle is on the same air, they will often times self deploy as back-up officers if they are in the area. This cuts back on response time, which is sometimes critical to resolving volatile situations quickly.

The main purpose for all of these partnerships is so we can provide a better service to the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park at reduced costs. If you have any questions about any of the services we provide, please contact Chief Gaddis at 206-248-7600.



Officer Tempski's official swearing in during April 14th City Council meeting

New Officer

On March 16, 2015, Miko Tempski became the newest full-time Officer for the Normandy Park Police Department. Officer Tempski has spent the last year as a Reserve Police Officer for the Police Department; volunteering his time to assist a full-time officer on patrol.

Normandy Park is not the first Police Department that Miko has worked with. In 2005, he was hired by the Seattle Police Department and he worked there for just under one year. After leaving Seattle, Miko went back to school and earned his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. He has spent the last five years working as an attorney for the 2nd Amendment Foundation and the Washington State Attorney General's Office. Miko speaks fluent Polish and conversational Spanish.

Miko will begin the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Basic Law Enforcement Academy in July of this year. He should begin his Field Training Program with our Department in mid-November. This means he will complete all of his training by March of 2016. If you see him out in the field, congratulate him on his hire.

ALERT SENSE

The Police Department would like to let citizens and visitors of Normandy Park know of a new emergency alert system in town. Thanks to a partnership with the King County Regional Communications and Emergency Coordination Center (KCRCECC), the Police Department can notify people of any on-going emergency situations.

For example, if there is a chlorine spill on 1st Ave S we would have the ability to notify anyone in the general area of the problem. Currently, the process requires us to call the KCRCECC and provide them with the critical details of the event. The KCRCECC will then create the incident in their "Alert Sense" notification system and notify any affected parties. Alert Sense uses reverse 911 and cellular phone towers to contact anyone inside the designated notification area.

This service is provided to citizens of Normandy Park at no cost. The KCRCECC purchased this product as a service to all King County residents. *If you would like to find out more about this system, please contact Chief Gaddis at 206-248-7600.*

VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

Our vacation house check program has been around for many years and is very popular with citizens who are familiar with it. To get signed up for a vacation house check, follow these simple bullet points:

- Call 206-248-7600 to report when you will be leaving/returning, answer some simple questions like what lights you will leave on, and also who may be stopping by during your leave.
- Enjoy your time away from Normandy Park.
- Call 206-248-7600 when you get back to confirm you have arrived home. This is especially important if you come home early. We don't like surprises when we are doing perimeter checks!

While you are away, Normandy Park Officers will conduct visual and physical house checks. For the most part physical house checks are reserved for daylight hours. Officers will conduct visual house checks during the night shifts. We try not to do physical house checks at night so we don't cause concern for the neighbors.

If you would like to find out more about this program, please contact Chief Chris Gaddis at chrisg@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or call 206-248-8254.

ALARM SERVICE PROVIDER

The Normandy Park Police Department has received important information we would like to pass along. A resident who lives in the northern part of Normandy Park has contacted our office to let us know of a possible safety issue. At the end of March, their alarm went off and they received a call from their alarm service provider. When the homeowner asked why the police weren't called, the service provider advised the police were called, and they would not be showing up. The homeowner called the Normandy Park Police Department directly and asked for Officers to show up. Shortly after the call from the resident, two Normandy Park Officers arrived on scene. The Officers checked on the residence and found there were no problems.

After some investigation by the homeowner and Sergeant Sommer, it was determined the alarm service provider called a police department other than Normandy Park. They were advised that due to a City Ordinance about false alarm response, Police would only show up on verified alarm calls. This is not the case in Normandy Park. We will show up for all calls for service.

Please contact your alarm service provider and confirm they have the correct number for the actual City you live in. This will help ensure the proper response. *If you live in Normandy Park, please provide them with (206) 248-7600. This number is monitored 24/7.*



On June 13th, the Police Department will be holding an informational public meeting in the Manhattan area (actual location to be determined). Stay tuned to social media and e-notices for more information. *If you would like to have a meeting with a representative from the Police Department at your neighborhood get-together, contact Chief Gaddis at 206-248-7600.*

Happy Spring

Melody Anderson
Preschool Director & Pre-K Teacher

We started off the month celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. With his books, the kids learned how to read and write several words. They especially loved it when they could read two whole pages of a book themselves!

We have had a blast (literally) studying space and our planets. We were very fortunate to have one of our student's grandpa to come in and talk to the students about his time working for NASA and helping to build the first space shuttle to land on the moon! We also had fun "blasting off" our rockets we made outside!

We are starting to learn new songs that we will sing for our Mother's/Special Person Day Tea coming up in May. That's always a special time to honor those women in our lives!

Our Preschool Parent's Association has been working so hard putting together a fundraiser Rummage & Bake Sale. Thank you to everyone who has donated items, donated their time and energy into making sure this runs smoothly and is a big success! The Parent's Association "Rocks"!

If you are thinking about preschool for your child or know someone who is come check us out by visiting our school, or going online to the city website and type in preschool to learn more about us, or give us a call. We only have a few spots left for fall!



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Park and Senior Services website for fitness and movement class dates:

- **Enhance Fitness** – Stay in balance by enrolling in this award winning program featuring fun, dynamic cardiovascular exercises, strength training and a focus on balance and stretching.
- **Dance for Parkinson's** – designed for individuals with movement disorders resumes June 8 on Mondays from 2–3:30 pm at the Des Moines Activity Center.



Get Out There And Be Renewed! Exciting summer adventures—space fills up fast so call now!

Meet the Fleet Seafair Cruise •

Greet Canadian & US Navy and Coast Guard. • *July 29*

Zip Line Adventure • Zip past amazing old maple and Douglas fir. • *August 5*

Music Man at Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theatre and BBQ dinner. • August 15

Diablo Dam Tour • A 3.5 hour boat tour of the glacier fed Diablo Lake. • *August 27*

Heronswood in Kingston • Showcasing an exciting inventory of plants. • *September 2*



Check out our full summer listing of activities in the Des Moines Normandy Park Activity Center newsletter available on both websites:

- City of Des Moines
www.desmoineswa.gov
- City of Normandy Park
www.normandyparkwa.gov

The Cove's Easter Egg Hunt



Facility Rental Reservations NOW ONLINE!

Like any other South King County Towns Normandy Park's Recreation Center is the hub of community activity year round. In the past to reserve the gym, dance studio, community room, gazebo, or ball fields you came into City Hall and spoke with Brooks Wall about availability up to three months in advance. Brooks would page through several calendars and start the negotiation process of finding space for your event. It took anywhere from 20 minutes to an hour depending on the complexity of the reservation. We've been thinking for years that there has to be a better way to give the Normandy Park community open access to the recreation facility schedule over the internet. This winter we found a software program that will help with invoicing, account management, and streamlining the scheduling process.

Beginning May 1st Booking Software will host, on their own servers, all of our Parks and Recreation scheduling. We purchased the scheduling and public access modules. Anyone can now schedule from any computer! The community can access the schedule without having to call Brooks, and users can access their accounts, see their account balance, review upcoming reservations, and can request various facilities. Another benefit is invoicing. Previously all invoices were created manually, you can imagine how difficult it was to keep track of invoices and payments. With Booking, when a facility is booked, we set the rate and time and your invoice is automatically created. We have the option to email the invoice or print it out for you. When you make a payment, we can instantly update your invoice.

Getting the Booking software up and running was rather easy. Training was included in the contract. Brooks and I selected the specific data so that it's tailored to our Normandy Park recreation facilities. We are really excited to start using the system; the timing couldn't be better, as Baseball season began April 1st. Hopefully, this new software will help create a much more organized scheduling and invoicing system for Parks and Recreation, but also for the Normandy Park community who wishes to schedule facilities over the internet.

For more information online, please look at <http://www.normandyparkwa.gov/recreation> and select the link for online booking. Please contact us with your questions via email—Amanda León amandal@ci.normandy-park.wa.us or Brooks Wall brooksw@ci.normandy-park.wa.us, or give us a call at City Hall at (206) 248-7603.



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The Value of Trees

Investments in stocks, bonds and mutual funds are some of the more common, tangible investments helping secure our future financial wellbeing. Our homes and accompanying land are also an investment and if our properties and the surrounding neighborhood are maintained, typically real estate values increase over time. Should trees be considered part of our investment? Absolutely. Trees are the underrated heroes of the environment. A single tree over its lifetime with proper maintenance quantifiably shows a contribution to property value and reduction in energy usage and environmental impact. Similar to your investment portfolio, trees need care and maintenance to maximize their value. In previous articles I've described the long list of tree benefits. For this article I have teamed up with Amanda Leon, Normandy Park's new Parks Planner, to speak about the monetary value of trees.

In 2006 the U.S. Forest Service launched i-tree, an open access free software program to collect and quantify urban forest data. The current version uses groundwater capture, energy savings, air pollution benefits, carbon sequestration, homeowner value, and pest detection. One of

its most powerful tools is a national tree benefits calculator. i-tree has developed this tool for anyone to use. The calculator provides an overall benefits value for each tree on your property. Simply go to <http://treebenefits.com/calculator/>, enter a zip code and follow the instructions. By selecting tree species, estimating the tree's diameter, and selecting a property type, the tool will calculate an estimated annual benefit and provide benefit descriptions that quantify the following:

- Trees Reduce Storm Water Runoff
- Trees Improve Water Quality
- Trees Reduce Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide
- Trees Improve Air Quality
- Trees Save Energy

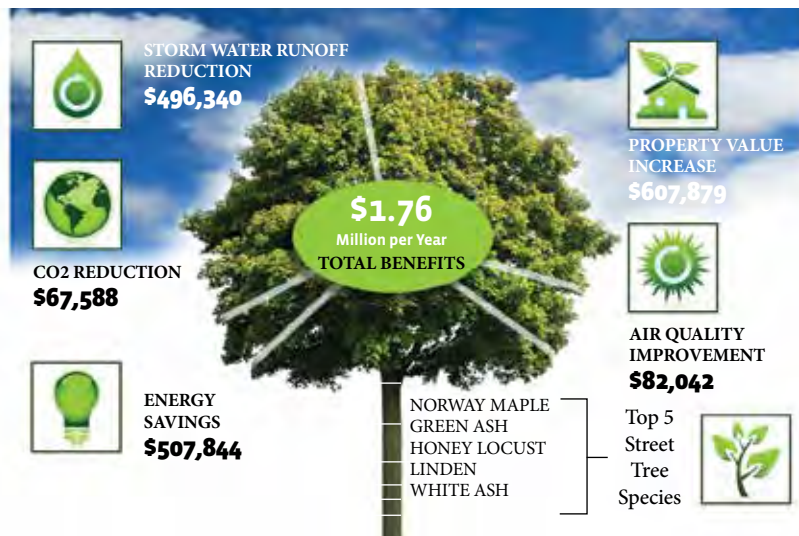
For example, a 20" diameter Douglas Fir provides \$195 in annual benefits, a 15" Red Alder provides \$95, and that 10"

Flowering Magnolia provides \$44 worth of benefits. Add up all of your trees and you have a new nest-egg. Many Normandy Park residents have thousands of dollars of valuable trees and didn't even know it.

Seattle is in the top 10 US Cities with the largest urban tree canopies. According to American Forests Organization there are 192 trees species, 28 of which are native to the Puget Sound. The most common tree species are Red Alder, Big Leaf Maple, and Hazelnut, all of which are native. In Seattle, the value of the urban forest is \$4.9 billion. Their trees annually store 2 million metric tons of carbon, sequester 14,000 metric tons of carbon and remove 725 metric tons of environmental pollution valued at \$5.6 million. They also reduce building energy use by \$5.9 million. Normandy Park, although smaller in size, still can boast the benefits of trees. Maintaining your woody

assets helps secure your investment in your home and community. Please, explore i-tree's National tree benefits calculator to find out the value of your trees today!

Amanda Leon, Parks Planner, City of Normandy Park
Stephen Higgins, ISA Certified Arborist, resident of Normandy Park



Highline Garden Tour

Barbara McMichael

The 2015 Highline Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 13th and will feature inspiring gardens in Normandy Park, Burien, and SeaTac. This self-guided tour allows ticket-holders to enter unique local gardens. One gardener ripped out his lawn and converted his property into a native plant haven. Another turned her backyard into a showcase of Chinese botanical specimens to honor her daughters' heritage. Other properties will share ideas about re-purposing materials, growing vegetables, creating rain gardens and raising happy chickens!

The Highline Garden Tour is organized by the Highline Historical Society. If you are a member of the Highline Historical Society, show your membership card and buy your Highline Garden Tour ticket for \$8. Otherwise, advance tickets for the tour are \$15, with group rates of \$12 per person if bought in groups of four or more. General tickets will be \$18 day of the tour. Tickets can be purchased at Wild Birds Unlimited, 15858 1st Avenue S, #106; at Burien Bark, 13258 1st Avenue S; at Umpqua Bank, 224 SW 152nd; or by calling 206-241-5786.

For more information about the Highline Garden Tour and about the Highline Historical Society, visit www.highlinehistory.org

Natural Lawn Care

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As much as we love our lawns, it does take a lot of work to keep them healthy and looking good. We also should care for them in ways that keep children and pets healthy, and keep runoff from our yards and driveways clean. Runoff from our yards and streets does not go to a sewage treatment plant like the water from our sinks and showers. Excess fertilizers, weed and feed products, and pesticides on our lawns pollute the waters downstream, and can cause toxic algae blooms in lakes that can kill pets and harm children and other lake users, and kill fish in Puget Sound.

Here are some tips to keep your lawn healthy and looking great, while sustaining our local lakes, streams, and Puget Sound:

Mow High

Two to three inches of grass height allow the grass blades to shade each other and keep in moisture.

Leave Clippings on the Lawn (Mulch Mow)

Mulch mowers (external) are designed to be used without a bag. They chop up and blow the clippings into the lawn where nutrients and moisture make the lawn healthier, saving you the cost of fertilizer and water. A push mower can be used the same way.

Avoid Using Weed-and-Feed on Lawns

Accept a few weeds, and crowd out problems by growing a dense, healthy lawn. Weed-and-feed-type products spread a pesticide on the whole yard, not just the weeds, and are an unnecessary expense. Improper application can cause water

pollution and put kids, pets, and wildlife at risk. Instead, spread ½ inch of organic compost on top of the lawn in spring and fall. Use sand mixed with compost to fill in depressions, the grass will grow right through it, or you can spread seed on top.

If you Fertilize, Use Organic, “Slow-Release” Fertilizer

Healthy lawns in the Pacific Northwest are a light meadow green. Fertilize in September when lawns are building root reserves for the next year. If you wish to fertilize twice, apply in May, but moderately, as grass grows heavily in the springtime. Excess fertilizers cause potentially toxic algae blooms in lakes and Puget Sound, so follow the instructions carefully, or avoid it altogether with these other tips.

Improve Lawns by Aerating

Thick turf acts as a barrier to water. Use a hand or mechanical aerator to make small holes in the soil to allow grass roots to get the oxygen and water they need. Aerating encourages healthy lawn growth and

means less water is needed in summer. Overseed in fall or spring to reduce bare patches and replace older grasses that have stopped growing well.

Only Water Once a Week

Lawns need only about one inch of water each week in summer, including rain, to stay green. The rest of the year, rainfall is enough. For lawns that don't get heavy use, you can let them go gold and dormant; water them once a month, and they'll bounce back in the fall.

Reduce Lawn Size

Native trees and shrubs, once they are established, require less time and energy than lawn maintenance. Many people also are discovering the joy and nutritional benefits that come from setting aside a portion of the yard to grow a vegetable garden or fruit trees. Either way, you'll spend less time mowing, watering, and fertilizing the grass.



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Summer Concerts

All shows start at 5 pm except the July 19th Celtic Fest

Welcome to the 2015 Normandy Park Arts Commission Music in the Park Summer Concert Series! We have a great line-up this year and we hope that you will join us for some new and exciting shows!

JULY 12 | The concert series kicks off with **Greenstage Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park!** A production of *Much Ado About Nothing*. The show starts at 5, and promises to be a new and unique take on this classic.



JULY 19 | Back for a second year is the **Normandy Park Celtic Music Festival**. This day long show starts at 1:00 pm. There are currently 5 acts scheduled so far, and they include:

WHISKEY MINSTRELS • With their music that reflects influences of Celtic Irish music, sounds of the Highlands of Scotland, touches of bluegrass and blues and southern folk music.

MEN OF WORTH • Scotsman Donnie Macdonald and Irishman James Keigher came together to perform Irish and Scottish folk music, combining traditional and contemporary styles.

THE NATIONAL DRUM CORPS • The drum corps, the brainchild of Steve Roy and John Scullion, is dedicated to the art of the Scottish pipe band drum corps and its musical possibilities. Based in Seattle Washington, USA, at the Seattle Drum School of Music where a regular teaching program prepares musicians for eventual placement in the corps.

ERIN MCNAMEE • Through a blending of styles, both antique and modern, classical and elemental, torch and bluesy, crystalline and rough, Erin McNamee's voice entwines and explores and invents itself.

THE BOG HOPPERS • The Mellick Town Bog Hopper are a Seattle based Celtic Folk Punk Group. Where high energy, talented musicianship, and pints of beer meet to bring you the time of your life!

In addition to the musical lineup, we will be hosting a Celtic Gift vendor, along with other vendors and a return of the PIE truck! We're working on a beer garden, along with other food vendors too!



Look for Arts Commissioners and volunteers passing out the finalized schedule at the 4th of July Parade and join your neighbors at Marvista Park for this fantastic season of music and dance!

JULY 26 | This double header show features the King County Library's Children's Concert followed up with family friendly and high energy rocking rhythm and blues! This show starts at 4:00 pm.

CHARLIE HOPE • A Canadian children's singer and songwriter. Her debut album *I'm Me! A Collection of Songs for Children* won two Independent Music Awards in 2010 for Best Album and Best Song for the title track, in the Children's Music category. This album was nominated for a Juno Award for Children's Album of the Year, that same year.



FINGERTIPS • This high energy rocking rhythm and blues band from Tacoma will have you dancing on the lawn and cheering for more!

AUGUST 2 | **200 TRIO** • The members of 200 Trio met during their time at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Since then, guitarist Cole Schuster and bassist Greg Feingold moved to Seattle to join drummer Max Holmberg in swinging endeavors

AUGUST 9 | **ALMA VILLEGAS Y AZUCAR** • Alma y Azúcar brings you an exquisite and passionate selection of Latin styles and flavors. From the bouncy feel of 'Perfidia' and 'Quizas' to the passionate tango version of 'Besame Mucho', the sultry bossa nova 'Waters of March' and the salsa sound of 'Bemba Colorá' or 'Oye Como Va', these tunes have captured hearts and entertained internationally for decades.



AUGUST 16 | **WILD RABBIT** • This backyard folk seasoned by the edge, polish and fervor of big-city inclinations is at the root of the style they call folk-stomp Americana. The group revamps classic string band instrumentation with homespun percussion and the unique integration of six-string ukulele and cello. With their widely varying influences, three distinct vocal styles and copious amounts of foot-stomping, they demonstrate a sound and presence that's at once original and familiar, appealing to audiences of all generations and genres.

AUGUST 23 | **ISLAND BOUND** • Close off our series by getting tropical! Island Bound embraces reggae and is influenced by a diverse ethnic background including Hawaii, Samoa, and Philippines. Get out that old tie-dyed tee and come on over and dance with us!



Student Art Festival

Amber Nichol

Normandy Park Arts Commissioner AS AN ARTS COMMISSIONER, I am constantly looking to acknowledge and promote those in our community that directly (or even indirectly!) contribute to the arts and culture of our neighborhood.

Recently I had the chance to stumble upon an extremely wonderful example of contribution to the community through the arts. While hanging posters for the Normandy Park Arts Commission 2015 Arts Festival, I noticed a small poster inviting the public to the Normandy Park Art Festival! This was a little confusing, as I was hanging posters for our current arts festival! After a quick email to the address provided, I learned that the event was the brainchild and senior project of two local high school students, Parker Bowen and Amanda Ziegler. Their email stated to me that they are both high school seniors at Seattle Christian School in SeaTac. The Art Festival is an extension of a community service opportunity that they were given as an assignment this year. Art teacher Mandy Fiechtner challenged the seniors to execute a “Change the World Project” at some point during their final year of high school. With this in mind, Parker and Amanda decided to create a celebration of art and music, and that was the Art Festival!

Commissioner Raymond Street and myself offered our services to Parker

and Amanda, and they were both very appreciative of our support. We stopped by the festival at Marvista and had the opportunity to meet their parents, teachers, fellow student volunteers and artists, as well as getting a chance to interact with the many hands-on activities that were available for anyone to participate in. Painting stations, paper mache, clay, and sidewalk chalk were all offered to interact with, as well as live music from fellow students, and free tea from Phoenix Tea in Burien. They also provided guests with a gallery filled with beautiful artwork from students from their school.

Commissioner Street had the opportunity to talk with Amanda’s mother, Nan. She stated that when traveling in Europe, the interaction with art was vastly different in three different areas. In one area, art was a part of daily life, an expression of everything that they did. It was accessible and open to everyone. In another area, art was still a part of the culture and daily life, but wasn’t as accessible to the general populace, it was more of a vocation. In the third area, art was very elevated, and almost untouchable by the common person. Those vast differences in art were a motivating factor in presenting their Art Festival; to bring art to a level where everyone can be involved, regardless of knowledge or skill level.

It was truly a pleasure to see these young people spearheading such an ambitious project, and with the guidance of their teacher Mandy (who says she “didn’t do anything, and it was all Parker and Amanda”) they were able to plan and execute this great event and champion art for all.

I would just like to say thank you to Parker and Amanda, their parents, their teachers, fellow students and artists, and everyone who supported them in this venture.

Chalk and an invitation to add to the color of the festival were in abundance.

Commissioner Street looks on as Brett from Phoenix Tea explains the difference between Oolong and Chai.



Interim City Manager Says FAREWELL



Bob Jean
Interim City
Manager

First, let me congratulate the City Council on their unanimous selection of Mark Hoppen as your new City Manager. I have known Mark for 20 years and know him to be a real community champion.

Mark has a passion for parks and public safety. He's a very open and personable guy, and I know he'll love to meet with you when he starts in May.

Now, I'd like to thank the Council, staff, and community for all their support as we've worked to continue the City's business and Council goals since January. Some things we've accomplished are:

- Restoring City Hall Office hours, Monday- Friday 9-4
 - Hiring our new Finance Director, Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines (We've kept her busy!)
 - Hiring our first Parks Planner/ MPD Manager (starting the Parks Master Plan and CIP Projects)
 - Adopting our Parks and City Capital Improvement Programs (CIP and funding)
 - Facilities Task Force (preliminary report to Council in May, community meetings this summer)
 - Final Plans and Community Open House for Normandy Road Project (summer construction)
 - Supporting the Planning Commission on the Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Eliminating our Permits backlog and initiating our Codes Streamlining Process (guaranteed turnaround times!)
 - Funding for Police Vehicle replacements
 - Negotiating a Teamsters Contract for general employees and market-based compensation for all employees
- Adopting City Finance and Reserves Policy
 - Completing our Shorelines Code and submitting it for State review
 - Implementing safer 35 MPH speed limit on 1st Ave. South throughout the City
 - Rebalancing the 2015-2016 Budget (and 5-year Financial Forecast), and
 - Hiring the new City Manager...

All in a busy and productive 4 months! Normandy Park is a special community. But, as a primarily large-lot single family City with very little retail and limited retail sales tax capability, the bulk of the cost of City services and City protection of the community quality of life falls on the homeowner. That's why the community approved the City Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) funding for Parks and the Levy Lid Lift for Police in 2012.

Well, it's time for another Lift and the Utility Taxes adjustments to maintain our Community Policing Service level, it's also time for the \$20-\$50 per vehicle fee for the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) for streets.

If approved, the average increased cost per household would be about \$8-15 per month. I won't sugarcoat it. All departments, except Streets and Police are already at Core levels. Without new and renewed revenues, Streets Maintenance gets cut in half and Police loses three positions, down to Core levels.

Normandy Park is a special community, but it takes your support to keep it that way.

Thank you for welcoming me as your Interim City Manager. I hope to stop by this summer for some of the community events, now as a visitor.

Bob Jean
Interim City Manager



The City of Normandy Park encourages all citizens to consider involving themselves actively in City government by serving on a Commission. Board and Commission applications are accepted at any time throughout the year.

Applications can be completed online at www.normandyparkwa.gov or in person at City Hall.

PLANNING COMMISSION

7 members • Six-year terms

Meets 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 801 S.W. 174th Street.

Advises the City Council on Zoning Ordinance amendments, Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezoning requests.

ARTS COMMISSION

7 members • Three-year terms

Meets 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 801 S.W. 174th Street.

Advises the City Council on all matters related to art and cultural advancement of the community, coordinates with City staff on activities and events promoting arts and cultural enrichment of Normandy Park citizens.

PARKS COMMISSION

7 members • Seven-year terms

Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 801 S.W. 174th Street.

Advises the City Council on park related matters.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

3 members • Six-year terms

Appointed by the City Manager. The duties of this Board can be found online in the Municipal Code Section 2.28.020.

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edge of this activity either!)

One interesting old woman (Mrs. Menell) lived in the forest between 202nd and Marine View Drive. This was before the woods above our house was developed into Normandy Forest. My brother and I used to visit her; I think we thought she was interesting and mysterious because she lived alone. She had a very small house full of birds and she was kind to us. She also babysat us when we were younger.

As a teen, my summers were divided between Murphy's Beach and Olympic View Swim Club (OVSC). My dad was responsible for getting the pool put in and I remember the work he and mom put into recruiting members. I had taken swim lessons at Steele and Angle Lake (can still recall trying to float on my back in icy water with rain coming down in my face). But it was at Olympic View where I swam on the team, life guarded and learned some office skills.

I am sixty-five years old now and with the passing years, I have come to realize what a unique experience I had growing up in Normandy Park. My mom, Jean Weeks, still resides in the house I grew up in. Thank you, mom for giving me such a wonderful childhood!

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Pierce/Kitsap County border. When the firefighters examined the suspect after Rocky found him, he was borderline hypothermic and certainly could have passed away if Rocky had not found him. Rocky has also dazzled several crowds during community events. He is a main attraction every year at the Burien/Normandy Park Fire Department Kid's Day.

Rocky's last day on patrol will be May 29th. There will be a retirement ceremony at the Council Meeting on June 9th. I would encourage citizens who are interested to attend his retirement ceremony, especially those who have contributed to this program. For the foreseeable future, there will not be a K9 program, due to funding and staffing levels. If you see Rocky in the field, I am sure he would appreciate a scratch behind the ears for his hard work!



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Margaret L. Larson, MSN, ARNP, NP-C grew up in Normandy Park and now has returned to live closer to her practice. She had been practicing with her father, Roger K Larson, MD for six years in Burien before he retired two years ago. Family and community are very important to her as reflected in her unique family practice approach to prevention, lifelong wellness and optimal health for individuals and families. Margaret is an active contributor to the Hospitality House Shelter for Women in Burien and Hope Medical Clinic in Uganda.

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